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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5957

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 1516

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJ: REPORTED COUP ATTEMPT IN CAR

1. AT SMALL SOCIAL FUNCTION DECEMBER 4, GABONESE OFFICIAL FROM PRESIDENCY, WITH CLOSE TIES TO PRESIDENT BONGO, TOLD EMBOFF AND LOCAL AFP REP THAT GOG HAD RELIABLE REPORTS THERE HAD BEEN A COUP ATTEMPT IN CAR NOVEMBER 28. ATTEMPT REPORTEDLY MOUNTED BY GENDARMERIE AND HAD FAILED. AFP REP NOTED HE HAD ALSO HEARD SIMILAR REPORTS EARLIER.

2. FRENCH EMBASSY HERE UNABLE TO CONFIRM OR DENY REPORTS BUT NOTES BOKASSA AT LAST MINUTE POSTPONED ARRIVAL AT YAOUNDE UDEAC MEETING PLEADING PRESSURE OF DOMESTIC BUSINESS.

3. WE REPORT FOREGOING BECAUSE STORY COMES FROM VERY WELL PLACED SOURCE AT PRESIDENCY AND BECAUSE THERE ARE BOUND TO BE REPERCUSSIONS IN GABON. STORY IS EVIDENTLY BELIEVED AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOG WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS OF THE MILITARY INCLUDING ITS OWN. AFTER COUP WHICH TOPPLED DIORI  
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IN NIGER, FOR EXAMPLE, SECURITY WAS QUIETLY BUT EFFICIENTLY

INCREASED HERE, A PROCEDURE LIKELY TO BE REPEATED IN THE  
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. MCKESSON

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